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> New U.S. Divisional Patent Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \$1.53(b)(1)
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> For "LOW OXYGEN AFFINITY MUTANT HEMOGLOBINS"

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## Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following for filing in connection with the above-referenced new divisional patent application:

- A new divisional patent application comprising a copy of the previously filed application papers in Serial No. 09/598,218, having 57 pages, including 48 pages of specification, 5 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract, 3 pages of Sequence Listing and 20 sheets of drawings;
- A copy of the previously submitted executed Declaration and 2. Power of Attorney from Serial No. 09/598,218;
- Copies (2) of the previously submitted executed Verified 3. Statements (Declarations) Claiming Small Entity Status -Independent Inventors and Small Business Concern, from previously filed application Serial No. 09/598,218;
- A check in the amount of \$580.00, representing the filing fee for a small entity for an application with five (5) additional independent claims;
- A Preliminary Amendment; and
- A self-addressed stamped postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

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